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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation Application of: :
: PHILLIPS *et al.* :
Serial Number: 09/481,933 : Initial Examination Branch
Filed: This application filed: February 28, 2002 :
For: COMPOSITIONS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following as the first sentence.

This application is a continuation application of pending U.S. application serial number 09/481,933, filed January 13, 2000, which has been allowed and the Issue Fee paid, of which the entire disclosure of the pending, prior application is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial number 09/121,530, filed July 24, 1998, now U.S. patent number 6,020,001, granted February 1, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial number 08/381,422, filed January 31, 1995, which is now patent number 5,863,559, granted January 26, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial number 08/107,847 filed on August 13, 1993 now abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/EP92/00460, filed March 2, 1992.